WHEELING. WEST VA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 2, 1878.

Talk with a grummer.

We had a conversation with one of our Wheeling drummers late evening who is just in "off the road," and he tells us that things are not looking as bright and attractive within the denain of country traveled by Wheeling drummers as he has seen it. Collection are slow, and, in some cases, difficult, and apparently, there is more of a dissoition to settle by note than formely. Goods are being sold very close—probably never being sold very close—probably never cannot be the controlled by the controlled by three within the denain of country traveled by Wheeling drummers as he has seen it. Collection are slow, and, in some cases, difficult, and apparently, there is more of a dissoition to settle by note than formely. Goods are being sold very close—probably never being sold very close—probably never. being sold very close-probably never more so-and notwith anding the good crops of the last season the farmers are chants, and still running their credit with them. He thinks that it is a good time to go slow in the way of pressing goods the country trade. Goods in store are lose sales and diffi-

As to the reason why this state of things prevails, our friend says that over in e tobacco crop is still unmarketsuspension of the "Shick" business, and than than they used to be at Richmond-

cult and dangerous collections.

here give six bars for the same money. difference in the margin of profit expected in the country as compared with that obtained in the city. But for identifying our friend too closely, we could give one ro two other specimens of prices quoted to He justifies the country merchants on the their payments delayed. We asked the example of a well known merchant up isual merchant. Besides being an expert lessness as border clo for instance in Pittsburgh, and had secured many extraordinary bargains, which bargains he had distributed very liberally among his customers. It took capital, experience and energy to carry on business in that way, and it wasn't every any other relation of life. country merchant, by considerable, who had these advantages, especially the first med. Not a few country merchants do but a limited experience, and inasmuch as they buy only in small quanties they with a retailer in this city who has capital long experience, and sells most of his goods for cash or on

drummer, remind is of an incident lately Curtailment of Natl Production referred to in our columns, of a gentleman who came to the city from one of short call at this office remarked that he are desirous of concerting an agreement had saved more than enough in the price with the Western men for a still longer to pay the expenses of his trip. If we stop after the first of March. ber correctly, he claimed to have

get a price that will cover not only the expenses of living, but also of waiting for their pay. While the merchants in the larger towns and cities look to the 'nimble six-pence for their profit, those shilling. Farmer are content to pay they ought to pay it when they consume so much of it in non-interest bearing delay. The principle, however, is radically wrong, and belongs to the whole system of over-poduction, over-selling, and long winded credits, which have had so much to do with the panic and depression in trade

Big Timeat Richmond. According to a dispatch in another column, the new Governor of Virginia ceremony. It weems that he reached We are informed that he "came on a train of four phace cars." This train contained himself and the Lieutenant Governor, and also a committee. Then came another special train-eight minutes behind the Gubernatorial trainnumbering fifteet coaches, the first six being filled with Billitary from Harrison-

burg, Winchester and Staunton.

"The next four were filled with the flower and chivairy of the Valley, and the remainder contained the yeomany of the Valley. Among the upper-tendom were many ladies. The visitors were met at the depot by a great concourse of citizens, besides the First Virginia Brigade, of this city, General B. L. Johnson commanding. On the platform of the Governor's car Judge Lay, who seems to have gotten up the demonstration, assisted by Ben August and teneral B. L. Johnson, made a swelcome address. Halliday responded in an eloquent and short speech, the applause fron the multitude being immense. Following Halliday the Lieutenant-Goverpor made an earnest two-minute speech in fine style, which also made the thong shout with joy. Thus the speches were ended, and the business of placing the dilutions of the cannot be found within the borders. Halliday, who, by the way, is a handsome man of fifty, with classic face was seated in a carriage, the finest in town, drawn by six gray horses, each horse sup-

on the sidewalks shouted in a wire is rot to reach markets hitherto controlled to sort of way, and never have we seen a more enthusiastic demonstration over tany man. The air has been resonant from dark till midnight with brass band music, as the visiting military companies would be moving to and fro. A grand banquet is being given at Zetelle's cofe. It is a great success.

All this looks like a departure from the severe simplicity that characterized the inauguration of Virginia Governors before the war. But it is not so much of a departure as one might suppose. According to a correspondent of the Cined, and out along the B. & O. road the cinnati Enquirer, from which we quote, things are much more unpretentious now

suspension of the "Spick" business, and also from the depression in coal around Cumberland and Froeburg. He tells us of one country merchant, in one of the best agricultural counties of West Virginia, who has \$15,000 standing out among the farmers, and who is obliged to indulge them, insamuch as they are, generally speaking, all solvent, and profits are very satisfactory en the goods sold to them.

Speaking of profits, he says that there is a wide margin between the prices at which goods are retailed in the country and in this city. For instance, at some places in the country, dealers will sell three bars of soap for a quarter, out of a box bought at \$2.75, whereas retailers here give six bars for the same money, the montains and down the Valley lies and definitions of the Valley ins and we may term that the first estate. Between the country had the same money, the montains and down the Valley lies the country had the country and the country dealers will sell three bars of soap for a quarter, out of a box bought at \$2.75, whereas retailers here give six bars for the same money. may term that the first estate. Between the mountains and down the Valley lies the mountains and down the Valley lies the second estate. What is now West Virginia was the third estate. She was the rag-tag and bobtail, and never thought of trying to produce a Governor, but the Valley, as a second estate, was always ambitious, and has made several attempts to get in a man, and now that they have triumphed the Valley people are determined to do the thing up in style.

Responsibility for Failures.

A number of papers, the Wheeling Register among them, speak of the failure that are now taking place throughout at Lagrange, Mr. W. H. Rogers, who has the country, as the results of Secretar cheap, and in consequence, commands of fact, however, a large number of these covering an unusually wide scope failures, if not the largest number, have of country on both sides of the river. He resulted either from direct rascallty or else from such a gross negligence aud reck in his business, and thoroughly posted in This is strikingly the case in the Savings prices, he had made it a practice to at- Bank failures. The country has bee astounded at the developments of fraud irregularities and negligence, which have come to light. The policy of the Goverument is no more answerable for such failures than it is for the crimes and care lessness of the same number of men in

No sound financial policy know among men could prevent such rascality and recklessness from reaching its natbusiness on a very small capital, and have ural end. It would not be desirable to try to ward off the developments which ferred to. To do so would be to coungitimacy in business, and, as it were, se a premium on fread and reckle

The Eastern Nail men have followed the example of the Western Nail Association the surrounding owns to buy a pair of ation, and agreed to stop their factories winter boots, and who in the course of a for four weeks. Not only this, but they

remember correctly, he claimed to have saved over three dollars, which was certainly a heavy percent on a small investment.

THE Old Bowery Saving Bank, of New York City, having millions on deposit, which are guarded with jealous care, has declared a semi-annual dividend at There are too many merchants in the sums of \$1,000 or less, and 4 per cent on country. They all sell a little—some of all over \$1,000 and not exceeding \$3,000, them very little—and they must needs which shall have been deposited 3 months get a price that will cover not only the on the 1st of January, 1878, payable on January 21, 1878.

WE are indebted to the publishers for copy of the New York Tribune almanac for 1878, just out. It is, as usual, a valuable political, financial and general statistical record, and always handy and serviceable for the man of facts and figures to have in his office, counting room or residence.

How the Business Year Closed at Pittsburgh,

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Commercial of yesterlay,
The year dragged itself out in business very quietly and languidly without special animation in any line of business except such as was caused by preparation for the coming year. The demand for money was moderate, but indications promise well for an improved request by the close of the week. Rates were held a steady at the usual figures of 6a7 per cent on first-class collaterals and some of the choicest gilt-edge notes; 7a8 per cent on prime business paper. A good dead of interest is expressed concerning the dividend rates to be declared during the coming two weeks. It is generally expected that the rates declared last July will be kept up, as notwithstanding the adversities of the past six months the banks have in most cases made good earnings during that period. It is not expected that any of them will increase their dividend rate on the present dubious aspect of affairs.

The Hiustrious Ren Who Reside

out or not. Now, fortunately, the new year opens with hope of some decided action which will prevent more coat being

action which will prevent more coal being mined than the country needs.

The iron interest has been more fortunate. It has made very little money, but it has lost little. The demand was very light, and the first half of the year brought debts which required the sale of stock, often without much profit, but seldom at a net loss. Now the increase in the railroad traffic, coupled with low price has induced heavy nurshase of steel ces has induced heavy purchases of steel rails, and furnaces are going into blast ail over the State. A large order for Brazil has added impetus to the trade, and has further stimulated the export of iron and steel manufactures, until they stready show a remarkable increase over the work of midsummer. The demand is now

show a remarkable increase over the work of midsummer. The demand is now quite as heavy as ever known. Not only in bridge and railroad building have we made great advances, but the ship building on the Delaware has shown wonderful activity. Never before were so many men employed, and the amount of ton mage now in process of building has not before, if at all.

The oil trade has suffered from overproduction. The very richnees of our resources has proved injerious just at present. New wells are sinking daily, and, just as in the coal trade, oil is sent to market for almost nothing. The Standard is now working hard to secure a monopoly of the carrying, and take the trade to Now York and Baltimore, but the producers are combining to resist its enconchments, and meantime the price of crude oil is down lower than for many years. The Pennsylvania Kailroad, which opened in January at forty-eight and three-quarter cents, dropped on the decrease in traffic to half that figure, but it was too low, and it reached a point presented by the ex-members of the most conspicuous was a silver log-which were insufficient to diverge the traffic to the most conspicuous was a silver log-which were insufficient to diving presented by the ex-members of the most conspicuous was a silver log-which was too low, and it reached a point, presented by the ex-members of the most conspicuous was a silver log-which was too low, and it reached a point, presented by the ex-members of the most conspicuous was a silver log-which was too low, and it reached a point of the guests the Marine Band, which were insufficient to diving weeting marches. lepress. Lehigh Valley annered near rom the riots than others, and, having an interest in coal mines, held up better than any road except North Pennsylva-

COMMERCE AT CHICAGO.

Review of the Year-An In-creased Quantity of Produce Handled, But a Falling Off in

Mrs. John W. Herron and Dr. and Mrs. John Mrs. John Davis, of Cincinnati. The two generative of the business of Chicago during 1877 shows the following interering them attended the wedding twenty-five figures: The aggregate of value, of the wholesale trade amount to \$604,500,000 coursency as against \$655,000,000 in 1876, or computing the properties of the Mrs. Hayes graduated, was an aggregate gold value in 1876, we have an aggregate gold value in 1876, we have an aggregate gold value in 1876, and this with an aimost stand still of the trade with the interior during a large part of the last six weeks. The decline in the aggregate amount of breadstuffs received in this city during the year as compared with last year. The decline in the number of bushels, red cing flour to wheat, is 3129,566 shows the principal of the Seminary at comparison of the New Golding and the President's Sectors With Mrs. Hayes graduated, was an Mrs. History of Virginia was the principal of the Seminary at Choicel L. C. Weir, of Choicmant, and Mrs. a CHICAGO December 31 .- The Tribune's amount of breadstuffs received in this city to admit of its being refitted. The guests during the year as compared with last appears. The decline in the number of bushels, reducing flour to wheat, is 3,129,566 bushels, the receipts in 1877 amounting bushels, the receipts in 1877 amounting to 94,606,916 bushels, against 97,736,482 bashels in 1876.

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produce is largely due to the falling off in the number and the price of hogs, for in the number and the price of hogs, for which the extraordinary weather cember is largely responsible. In 1877 we received 4,320,149 hogs, and despite the mud and the warm weather of Dewe received 3,25,115 hogs, and depict the mud and the warm weather of De-cember, we received, in 1877, no less than 4,178,792 hogs, a falling off of only 141,487. But the prices were so much than a, 176, 192 and prices were so much lower than those of 1876 that the difference in the total value of the hogs, and their manufactures, is nearly \$25,000,000. A large falling off in the aggregate values is to be found in the iron trade, where the prices in like manner have de

Defiant Attitude to be Assumed on the Frontier.

Houston, Texas, December 31.—Colonel Shafter, in command of Fort Clark, on the border, passed through this piace north to Washington to appear before the Military Committee. He is accompanied by Lieutenant Bullis and wife. Although the Lerdo cause seems dead, and matters at El Passo quiet again, Mexican affairs have suddenly assumed an aspect more interesting than ever. The movement is undoubtedly gaining ground in Mexico for annexation and consolidation with the Central American States under one Government to resist apprehended aggression of the United States. Much curioaity exists on the border to see what will be the policy under the new Mexican War Secretary, General Manuel Gonzales, and the Cabinet of Diaz. It is thought from the record of Generals Gonzales that the military under Generals Trevino, Canales and Falcon, on the frontier, will assume a defant attitude.

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BY TELEGRAPH

The Miver Wedding of President and Hirs. Hayes New Year's Eve.

Washington, D. C., December 31.—On December 30, 1852, at No. 141 Sixth street, in Cincinnati, Rutherford B. Hayes and Lucy Ware Webb were united in marriage by Professor L. D. McCabe, of the Ohio Wesleyan University. To-night the interreting event of twenty-five years ago was appropriately celebrated at the White House. Nature gave to the occasion all the agreeable accessories of twinkling silver stars, the pale silver moon, and had the Silver Bill passed both Houses prior to the holiday recess, and received the attesting signature of the President, the occasion would have been indeed complete.

When the President and Mrs. Hayes concluded to celebrate in an appropriate dinner the quarter-stretch, as it were, in the century of married life, it was the desire of the excellent mistress of the White House that it should be without showy ostentstion. It was the desire of both, too, that, so near as they could make it.

The Silver Wedding of President and Mrs. Hayes New Year's Eve.

too, that, so near as they could make it, the anniversary should recall the scenes of the most notable incident in the life of both. Accordingly, all those living who were then present, in addition to near personal friends of the family, were in-

were then present, in manipular personal friends of the family, were invited. The invitations were limited to about one hundred. They are written on note paper and read:

"Mrs. Hayes and I celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of our wedding December 31, 1877, at nine o'clock."

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This much was written by our president's Secretaries, and afterward the President personally addressed each invitation, adding: "I hope you will be present. Sincerely yours, R. B. HAYES."

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Long before the hour of nine every
room in the Executive Manaion was in
blaze of light. The Red, Blue, Green and
East Rooms were thrown open for th
guests. Each was decorated with smilax

t was too low, and it reached a point the most conspicuous was a silver log which even the riots were insufficient to cabin, presented by the ex-members of the lepress. Lebigh Valley suffered less Twenty-third Ohio Regiment. Among the guests were all the survivors of tho the guests were six in a survivors of those who were present at the marriage, in Cincinnati, December 30, 1852. The lawyers who practiced in Cincinnati between 1850 and 1860, at which time the President was in practice there, were also invited, but lew of them were presented. han any other stock on the market. The ent. Chief Justice Waite and Associat orip payments of the Reading road are he only instance of an approach to a de-ault.

The city has lost a little bank capital, wives. Commissioner Dennison and fam

y were present.

The President attended Mrs. Dahlgren's first wedding, when she married Mr. God-edard, of Ohio, so she was invited. Judge Warden, who tried the President's first two cases, was present, and also Senator a Thurman and Colonel Don Platt, who were Judges of the Superior Court of Cincinnait, in which the President's cases were tried. The President's college mates at Kenyon College, and his old army friends, especially those of the Twenty-third Ohio Volunteers, were in attendance. The only officials present were the members of the Cabinet and their families, and the Vice President. Mrs. John Davis, of Cincinnait. The two gentlemen attended the wedding twenty-five years ago, as also did the President's Sectentary, Mr. Rogers. Mrs. Wilhur, who was the principal of the Seminary at which Mrs. Haves cradunted was an

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THE ENGLISH COLLEGE BANQUET was given on Sunday at the English Col-lege in Rome. The guests included Car-dinals Manning and Howard, and the Superiors of the English, Irish, Scotch and American Celleges.

Failures in New York in Decem

Failures in New York in Becember 31.— There were eighty-nine failures reported in this city during the month of December, together with eleven assignments, of which the assests and liabilities could not be obtained. This is the largest number of failures that has occurred in any month of this year, and the aggregate liabilities, which are nearly eight million dollars in round numbers, far expected any previous month. This is an increase of about 25 per cent. over the record for November in the number of failures, and the gross liabilities are about three times the amount for that we month.

Meeting of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

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HARRISBURG, January 1.—The Legis-ature met at noon. In the House T. V. RALKIGH, N.C., January 1.—Governo

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT. TO THE DAILY INTELLIGENCE

GENERAL NEWS. English Journals on England's Duty in the War Crisis.

THE WAR SPIRIT INCREASING

The Turks Fortifying the Balkan Passes.

A GREAT BATTLE IMMINENT

Winter Brings No Cessation of Hostilities.

The New Year's Reception at the White House.

Guests. Inauguration of Governor Hallida

of Virginia. Revival of Old Time Ceremonie

on the Occasion. The Governor Urges Good Faith or

the Part of the State Towards Her Creditors.

New Year's Reception at the White House.

Washington, January 1.—The New Year's reception at the White House was held in the blue parlor, after which callers passed through into the est room where the promenading and exchanges of compliments of the season were indulged. The President and Mrs. Hayes were assisted in the ceremonies of the day by Mrs. Witchell Wiss Pleit, Mrs. Reckenidge. in the ceremonies of the day by Airs ell, Miss Platt, Mrs. Breckenridge Force, Miss Foote, Mrs. Davis and Heron. The Marine band was sta in the ante chamber, and as the n ambassadors in full costume with their respective households.

received callers from 1 till 3 o'clock in

Inauguration of the New Gover nor t Virginia Yesterday.

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Ricumond, January I.—For the first time in the history of Virginia since Colonial times its Governor, Colonel W. M. Halliday, was inaugurated to-day with all the pomp and display of a grand public demonstration. The Governor in his inaugural address takes the strongest grounds for the maintainance of the State no one questions the obligations of the debt, the laws under which it was created, or the benefits conferred upon the State by the property its proceeds bought, and that the General Assembly-should direct Movements of General GrantGambetta in Rome—The Pope
Distributing Cardinal HatsEnglish College Banquet.

LONDON, January 1.—The United States steamer Vandalia, with General Grant and family on board, sailed from Malta for Alexandria yesterday. A sainte was fired from the forts as the Vandalia left the port.

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The New York Legislature.

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THE POPE

declined to have any diplomatic congratulations on New Year's day. The Logislature of Commission on New Year's day. The Commission of the Commission of the Senate, and J. W. Husted Speaker of the House, The Covernor's message shows the State debt on September 30, 1877, after applying the condition of the debt during the year by cancellation \$12,358,843. The bounty down on Or. O'Connell, Procurator for the Archbishop of Baltimore. This act constitutes him the official Delegate on the part of the Pontificate to Arshbishop Gibbons.

THE ENGLISH COLLEGE BANQUET was entered on by means of a return to specie payments, a sound and stable currency, and the reduction of the tariff to a strictly revenue standard. The Legislature is urged to take strict account of the Life Insurance companies and Savings banks, and hold them to exact accountability. The Governor favors the resumption of specie payments January 1, 1879. Upon this subject I trust that there will be wisdom enough at Washington to avoid hindering our present hopeful progress, towards specie payments, and that the laws of the general government and those of our own State on this subject will continue to be as they now are in harmony.

HARRISORO, January I.—The Legislature met at noon. In the House T. V.
Cooper was chosen Speaker pro tem. This
being an adjourned session of the Legislature of 1877, with but few exceptions
the officers of both Houses are the same
as last year.

ANOTH CAROLINA TO. Annuary I.—Governor
RALKHOH, N. C., January I.—Governor
North Carolina in this city to-day. The
display was admurable, and His Excellency complimented the men upon
as last year.

FOREIGN NEWS. WAR NOTES.

Operations Near the Balkans CONSTANTINOPLE, January 1.— The troops under Murad Pasha detending the Ikhtiman Defile have been reinforced, and it is believed that the Defile is now and it is believed that the Defile is now impregnable. A junction between Generals Melikoff and Tergukassoff's corps, south of Erzeroum, is believed to be imminent. The Russians are advancing towards Bailbut, where the Turks are concentrated in force, and a battle is expected shortly. General Loris Melikoff has gone to Tiflis, and General Heynam has proceeded. It is thought that the attack on Erzeroum will be delayed until Melikoff's return which cannot be before the end of January.

LOCOMOTIVES FOR RUSSIA.

A Paris dispatch says Russia has ordered of an establishment here a large number of locomotives. The same concern was asked to furnish three iron bridges, deliverable on the Danube in April, but declined on account of the scanty time. The same establishment is founding heavy guns for unknown purchasers.

The Peace Business.

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London, January 1.—A Vienna correspondent referring to Russia's reply to the Eoglish note concerning opening negotiations for peace with Turkey, which reply, as requested last evening, is to the effect that Turkey should apply direct to the Russian Commander-in-Chief for an armistice, says: this intelligence was not altogether unexpected. Ever since the idea of a possible mediation was mooted, feelers have been thrown out from Berlin and Petersburg indicating that Russia regarded an armistice as preliminary steps to any pacific overtures, with additional hint that the Czar-would require the cession of the Danubian fortresses as a preliminary condition of an armistice. But as owing to the weather it seems almost impossible for the Russians to think of leading a large army acroes the Balkans. It may be expected that they will not exact too hard terms for an armistice, but content themselves with Erzeroum and one or two fortresses on the Danube.

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WHAT THE PALL MALL GAZETTE SAYS
ABOUT IT.

The Pall Mall Gazette in a leader commenting on the Russian answer to the
English note, says: It is what most
people expected, and it would be more
problable to consider what is likely to
follow than fling angry words at what was
well foreseen. We may now expect the
strongest pressure to be put on Turkey to
make peace outright with her foe. We
suppose a re-settlement of the Eastern
question by Russia and Turkey; is not
thought desirable by any Englishman
who understands the tenure on which our
Empire is held, nor is it conceivable that
England can with safety allow an acquisition of the Black Sea ports and a rectification of the Asian frontier to be made
while she remains mute
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The Times in its leader says: "Russia has by her snewer entered into no controversy with Eogland. Her answer is really addressed to Turkey. To suppose that England should feel herself rebuffed because the Porte has been invited to send an envoy to the Russian commander-inchief, would be to raise suspicion that our government has gone out of its way to provoke a quarrel; yet it would be useless to hide the existence of influences which, if unchecked, would involve us in a quarrel. A section of society, with the same rel. A section of society, with the same advantages of position, is using all its power to array England on the side of Turkey.

Turkey.

A telegram dated St. Petersburg to day says the prevailing conviction here is that the success of England's mediatory action will depend on the spirit in which it may have been made. It is thought in official circles that any pacific effort should proceed from a standpoint that the peace conditions must be consonant with Russia's dignity and sacrifices, and it is believed that England cannot overlook this consideration.

INSUCCIONS TO COMMANDERS.

INSTUCTIONS TO COMMANDERS A correspondent at Vienna says structions were telegraphed from St. Pe-tersbirg on Sunday to the Russian com-manders in Europe and Asia to receive any overture for a truce that the Turks might make,

DIPLOMATIC. The Gazette announces that Sir H. G. Elliott, recently British Embassador at Constantinople, has been appointed Em-bassador to Vienna.

RUSSIA'S PROBABLE COURSE IN PEACE

hose between the Fore and the Russian will be adquarters would not exclude the most interested neutral Powers, as Russia would propose no condition which had not received at least the tacit consent of Austria and Germany and the Porte would accept nothing without consulting England. Persons connected with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs assert that Russia will be found much more moderate it han is commonly expected in regard to the peace conditions generally, and the question of the Straits particularly.

A Bucharest correspondent reports that Sophia is virtually insulated from communication with Adrainople and Nisch, although apparently not yet completely invested.

A Belgrade correspondent learns from a trustworthy source that the Servians

A Beigrade correspondent learns from a trustworthy source that the Servians lost 700 killed at the taking of Pirat.

ITALY.

Papal Negotiations.

Rome, January I.—The Pope has au-thorized Cardinal Manning to negotiate with Great Britain for the removal of certain difficulties which delay the re-establishment of the Roman Catholic hier-archy in Scotland.

Crimes and Casualties. INDIANAPOLIS, January 1.—At Charles ton, Illinois, last night, William Miles ac cidentally shot and killed Alfred Arter

CLEVELAND, January 1.—Charles T. Boyer, aged 28 years, a salesman for H. Beckman, the clothier, was almost insantly killed at one o'clock to-day. Boyer and Conrad Mizer were out driving, and when near the postoffice their horse took fright and ran away, throwing both men out. Boyer struck the curbstope so hard as to crush his skull, and Mizer was badly hurt in the face.

Weather Indications.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIPP SCREEN,
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WASHINSTON, D. C., Jan. 3-1 a. E.
FOR Tennessee and the Ohio Valley,
southwest winds veering to cooler northwest winds, partly cloudy weather, followed by a rising barometer.

Failure of Cuban Traders. HAVANA; January 1.—Palledo Rionda & Company large sugar traders have failed, liabilities not yet known.

Production of Precious Metals for 1877.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 1.—Wells, Fargo & Co.'s statement of the production of precious metals in the States and Ferritories west of the Missouri river, including British Columbia and the West including British Columbia and the West Coast of Mexico, during 1877, shows an aggregate yield of \$8,500,000, being an excess of \$7,500,000 over 1876. The greatest previous annual yield of California gives \$15,250,000 in gold and \$1,250,000 in silver; Nevada, \$460,000 in gold and \$4,300,000 in aliver bullion, This so called silver bullion, however, is about 45 per cent gold. California also gives \$1,750,000 of the same, which contains about 28 per cent gold. Arisons tains about 28 per cent gold. Arizon gives for the year \$2,000,000, \$300,000 o which is gold, \$500,000 silver builton and the balance is base builton and ores. The

exports of silver from San Francisco t India and China are given approximate FIRE RECORD.

at \$19,000,000.

DAMAGED \$40,000. DAMAGED \$40,000.

PHILADELPRIA, January 1.—A fire in the large dry goods store of Thomas Kennedy & Bro., 1216 Chestnut street, damaged the stock \$40,000. Insured, \$20,000.

PHILADELPRIA, January 1.—A fire was discovered at midnight in the manufactory of Stirley & Rommel, 713 Market street. The greater part of the stock, valued at \$75,000, was destroyed; 180 hands were employed by the firm. The publication house of J. B. Lippincott & Co., adjoining, was damaged by water.

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